

THE Hodge-Podge of this GOVERNMENT.

In a Letter to a Friend.

IN some part of France you may meet with a Dish which they call a *Melange*, and I think we English it a *Hodg-Podge*, which Dish is not made up of so many Different, and disagreeing sorts of Ingredients, as our politicks, and that cannot be harder for the Stomach to digest, then our Ministers and Ministry are to be reconciled to the common Notions of Government; to begin with the Ministers, let us behold *Cæsarthen*, President, and *Hampden* a privy Councillor *Harry Guy* Secretary, and *Atron Smith* a solicitor to the Treasury, My Lord *Falkland*, and Dr. *Robert Rich* in the same Commission, and let us consider the Mayor, Sheriffs and Lieutenancy of London; I hate to be tedious, and will trouble you with no more. But let us review the Characters of these we have named, *Derby Laudan* in the Church, *Stafford* in State; *Hampden* whose Lescant, as well as his *Calvesfane* makes him *Protestant* true, blue, in Church Worships, as well as inwardly, a lover of a Common Wealth, *Harry Guy* who has always lived a Courtier in all Reigns, and *Atron Smith* who could scarce understand Monarchy in Any, My Lord *Falkland* who would not degenerate so much from his ancestors as to vote for Abolition; and Dr *Robert Rich* who till he was pull'd into other Principles, would have pull'd down a King every Month: This is a new Gentleman lately come in play it would be an affront to his Character not to put him down more at first in a Satyre. Its not only his promise of pleading a *General Excise*, but other good Qualities that have raised him: He is a Millionary Apostle, and took this Summer his Diocesan Circuit, and if Prayers can abate the Stormes, and calme the Seas, he has Gifts fitt for his place, And if Mobb Oritory is a Talent no King ought to over look this doughty Knight, He is more dreadful then *Hudibras*, He is a dangerous Enemy, He has Spit his Lungs, and his Blood in the Face of every Government at *Richard's Coffe-House*, in vehemence he exceeds *Tom Garramay*, and can hold as willy as Dr *Pest*, he can regulate the Admiraltie as well as a Captain, and he understands Convictions so Critically, that it sets up *Shropshire* *Huntingham* at Dr *Rich*, just when the Bell a commoner is a Statesman; if he were wise now he has got his Preferment he would be as silent in all other matters as he is to be about the Accounts as silent as *Sir Jant French*; But I who ken the Man, expect he will ke more to hear himself talk, then he will be regarded in the House of Commons, since he has so lately listed himself a Court Advocate, And yet after all I believe he will be as much minded as the long Speeches, of those

* The Author here uses such hard words as the Persons he speaks of use, without using them any more than is necessary, or knowing more what they mean than the Privy Councillors he Mentions.

* formal toomb-stick Fombarding, to jarrous speaking Terumens of King Williams Sr Henry Godwick, Sr John Lowther or Sr Tomber Temple ever since his Brother Dodingtons

Death; God bleis the City
of London with a Whigg Mayor, Whigg Sheriffs,
Whigg Court of Aldermen, and a Tamizy Lieuten-
ancy behond a Medly more monstrous, then the
Figments of Poets; a Gallimafry that mad men could
not have dream'd of.

But it is the Principles of our Constitution which is an *Elective Monarchy* that was far from Personal interest, and levelled merely at *Reformation*, and occasioned by a *Declaration*, that objected against Ministers, that God knows after all we could find no crime in, the power of the People exalted into a Capacity, of

I am Yours.